

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Although the idea was noble, the last time the government stepped into the cable industry prices increased instead of going down (what the government told consumers it was moving to do). If the government allows companies to have as much of the market as they choose, smaller cable companies will be gobbled up. One would think that the depression of 1929 would have been enough to prove that when wealth bottle necks and doesn't trickle down, the entire economy plunges.

But perhaps the government needs a repeat lesson of that. I certainly hope not.

Please do not create a climate where the big guns swallow up the small fish. Each of us will pay the price for that ill advised act.

Blessings,

Denise